

AMERICAN TROOPS CAMP ALMOST ON MEXICAN BORDER

Will Prevent Any Firing
Into U. S. Territory by
Villa Forces.

ATTACK AT AGUAPRIETA
MAY TAKE PLACE TO-DAY

Re-Enforcements for Carranza
Commander Arrive by
Special Train.

COME FROM LAREDO, TEXAS

Trenches Around Threatened City
Like Latest Ones in Euro-
pean War Zone.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., October 30.—Three thousand men of the Sixth United States Infantry Brigade entrenched to-day within a few feet of the Mexican boundary, ready to interfere if an attack on the Carranza garrison of Aguaprieta, Sonora, by the Villa army, expected on Sunday or Monday, should result in shooting into American territory.

Brigadier-General Thomas F. Davis, commander, said he would take every precaution to prevent any firing into Douglas.

"I do not propose to see an American town shot up," he said.

Villa's advance guard, under Colonel Thomas Francisco, reached San Bernardino, twenty miles east, on the border, to-day. Colonel Franco said Villa was in personal command of the army.

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100 Missing After Warships Collide

Two British Vessels Come To-
gether, Sinking One, Off
Gallipoli Peninsula.

LONDON, October 30.—One hundred men are reported missing after a collision between the British auxiliary ship *Hythe* and another British ship off the Gallipoli Peninsula, in which the *Hythe* was sunk.

The announcement was made to-day in an official statement by the British admiralty, as follows:

"During the night of October 28-29, H. M. S. *Hythe*, an auxiliary ship, was sunk, after being in collision with another of His Majesty's ships off the Gallipoli Peninsula.

"At the time of the collision she had on board about 250 men, in addition to her crew. One hundred are reported missing."

The *Hythe* was a merchant vessel, taken over by the British admiralty for naval use. She was a steamer of 500 tons gross, built in 1905 at Dumbarton.

HILLIS CASE IN SECRET

Famous Pastor and His Business Ad-
ministrator Will Submit Differ-
ences to Arbitration.

NEW YORK, October 30.—To avoid a public controversy, which it was feared, might endanger the welfare of the church, the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D., pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, whose pulpit was once occupied by Henry Ward Beecher, and Frank L. Ferguson, for about five years, Dr. Hillis's confidential business administrator, agreed to-day to submit their differences to arbitration. All matters in dispute are to be settled out of court, by a board of three arbitrators. Public discussion of the charges and counter-charges of the past few weeks is to cease.

Matters in dispute concern chiefly Mr. Ferguson's stewardship of Dr. Hillis's business affairs. Under an order signed October 23 by Judge Dike in the County Court, the pastor's financial matters and business ventures were to be brought into open court November 6. The story of the clergyman's investments in timber lands in Alaska and those of friends who were guided by his advice, with their consequent losses, seemed about to become public from the witness stand. This order was vacated yesterday.

When the arbitration board makes its findings public announcement will be made, it is said, but none of the matters brought out in effecting it will be disclosed.

FAVORS PREPAREDNESS

Senator Boies Penrose Thinks There
Should Be Dreadnought for Every
State in Union.

PHILADELPHIA, October 30.—United States Senator Boies Penrose, in an address at the unveiling of a monument here to-day to the memory of George McK. Polk, one of the sailors killed in action at Vera Cruz in the spring of 1914, declared himself in favor of national preparedness, and said there should be a dreadnought for every State in the Union.

"The question of national preparedness is a nonpartisan one, and ought to appeal to all patriotic Americans. To make a beginning, we should have a dreadnought for every State in the Union. Then, of course, there should be an entire naval program following from this nucleus. We should have great naval bases at proper intervals along the Pacific, the Gulf and Atlantic and in the islands in the East.

"We should have a naval academy for the enlisted men should be made as attractive as possible, with opportunity for promotion, so that a large proportion of the enlisted men will remain in the navy."

TALKS ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt Indi-
cates Attitude of Admin-
istration.

NEW YORK, October 30.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who is here to aid the Democrats in their State campaign, in an address last night touched on the question of national defense.

"The administration at Washington," he said, "believes that it is just as wrong to say that we should have a million men constantly under arms as it is to say that the country could obtain a million men overnight if it called for them.

The day is passed, he added, when a man can take a shotgun or a revolver from the mantelpiece and go forth, as did the men at Lexington and Concord.

BLANCHE WALSH DYING

Suffers From General Breakdown, Due
to Overwork, and Is Not Expected
to Live Through To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, October 30.—Blanche Walsh, ten years ago one of the leading actresses of the country, and in later years a vaudeville star, is dying in the Lakeside Hospital, in Cleveland, O., according to word received here to-night from her husband, William Travers, who is at her bedside. Miss Walsh is suffering from a general breakdown, due to overwork and nervousness, and is not expected to live through Sunday.

School Children in Parade.
CLEVELAND, O., October 30.—Ten thousand Cleveland children in automobiles, took part to-day in a parade in the interest of the prohibition cause in the State-wide election Tuesday.

NATIONAL ISSUES FIGURE IN FIGHT

Political Leaders Watching Tues-
day's Results to See Which
Way Wind Is Blowing.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE COMES UP

New York, Massachusetts and
Pennsylvania Face Vote
on This Question.

Points of Interest in Coming Election

Woman suffrage—Massachusetts,
New York and Pennsylvania (New
Jersey has a referendum October 10).

Prohibition—Ohio.
Governors—Massachusetts, Mary-
land and Kentucky.

In New York's Twenty-third Con-
gressional District a contest is be-
ing fought on national issues.

New York votes on new Consti-
tution.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 30.—The elections of next Tuesday would be of minor importance if it were not the year preceding the presidential contest. As it is, the national political leaders here are watching carefully several States to see which way the straws will blow, for national issues have been injected into many local contests.

In the Twenty-third New York Congressional District, for instance, both the Republican and the Democratic candidates have boldly and openly made a fight on country-wide issues. This district comprises parts of the Western Bronx and Northern Manhattan. The election was made necessary by the death of Congressman Joseph A. Goulden.

The Republican candidate, former Congressman William S. Bennett, has imported several Republican United States Senators to speak for him, and has attacked the Wilson administration on the tariff, finances and the Mexican policy. The tactics have been the principal point of attack.

Besides the Republicans, Mr. Bennett has the endorsement of the Independence League and the Progressives. His opponent, Ellsworth J. Healy, is making his fight squarely on the Wilson administration. Several German-American societies have adopted resolutions opposing Mr. Healy's candidacy on the ground that his election would be an endorsement of the President. The district is normally Democratic.

National issues also figure in the three gubernatorial contests in Massachusetts, Maryland and Kentucky.

In the Bay State Republican State Convention, which nominated former Congressman Samuel W. McCall, a platform was adopted declaring for increased national defense, continued neutrality toward all warring nations, and a revised protective tariff. At the same time, through resolutions condemning the issuance of foreign loans for belligerents and favoring national prohibition.

The platform also favors a national corporation law, national regulation of the hours of labor of women and children, and a national divorce law.

WALSH WILL HAVE

STRONG OPPOSITION

The Progressives are back in the Republican fold in Massachusetts, and for this reason Governor David I. Walsh will have good opposition in his race for a third term.

The Democratic platform congratulates the country upon the administration of President Wilson, and, like the Republican, favors neutrality and preparedness.

In Kentucky prohibition has tended to split the Democratic ranks. The Democratic candidate for Governor is A. O. Stanley, the Congressman who became well known throughout the country when he headed the steel trust investigation. His Republican opponent is E. P. Morrow.

In Maryland, a Democratic stronghold, E. C. Harrington is the pick of the predominant party, while O. E. Weller is the G. O. P. choice.

Prohibition is the leading issue in Ohio, while several other States will vote on the liquor question in the 1916 elections.

The defeat of woman suffrage by a decisive majority in New Jersey has cast down the woman leaders of Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, who have fought all the harder since the setback of October 19.

In Pennsylvania the women have the Governor on their side, and many other Republican leaders have spoken in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment. In Massachusetts, too, Governor Walsh has made many speeches in favor of suffrage. The failure to incorporate a suffrage plank in the Republican State platform was a great disappointment to the women.

ANTI-SUFFRAGE PROPAGANDA

BACKED BY SALOON INTERESTS

In New York the saloon interests are backing anti-suffrage propaganda, but none of the regular political parties have taken a public stand either for or against the cause. It is said that President Wilson's espousal of suffrage made a great impression throughout the State.

New York is also wrought up over the new State Constitution, and the newspapers have been filled for months with long arguments over the proposed changes in the organic law. There is opposition to the Constitution from both party ranks, and the union-labor chiefs have declared against it because, as they believe, the civil administration is subordinated to the military and the court rights of a civilian are endangered. This view is hotly disputed, the other side pointing out that in this respect the provisions of the Constitution are.

LOSS OF HESPERIAN CAUSED BY TORPEDO

Fact Definitely Established by
Experts of Navy De-
partment.

GERMANY HAS MADE DENIAL

Result of Investigation Will Be
Immediately Commu-
nicated to Berlin.

WASHINGTON, October 30.—Secretary Lansing announced to-day that the Navy Department had definitely established the fact that the fragment of the engine of a warship sunk the Allan liner *Hesperian* was a part of a torpedo. The German government has persistently denied that the *Hesperian* was torpedoed.

In the opinion of the United States naval experts, the fragment could not have been a part of a marine mine. The secretary said the result of the Navy Department's investigation would immediately be communicated either to the German government directly or to Ambassador Bernstorff.

The secretary volunteered no information regarding what form the communication to the German government might take.

WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED

BY ANY REPRESENTATIONS

While the report of the navy board will be forwarded to the Berlin Foreign Office as a matter of information, it will not be accompanied by any representations on the part of the United States. A link is missing in the chain of evidence upon which the Washington government could make a statement that it was convinced that a torpedo sent the ship to the bottom. The fragment was turned over to Ambassador Page by the British admiralty with the statement that it was found on the *Hesperian*'s deck after the explosion, and that her crewless struggle to reach port before she sank. No sworn statement by the finder, however, accompanied the bit of metal, and until that gap is filled it was indicated to-day that no representations would be made to Germany, which has consistently maintained that the *Hesperian* was not torpedoed by a German submarine.

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Strong Allied Forces Now on Way to Relief of Hard-Pressed Serbians

STRONG allied forces are on the way to the relief of the hard-pressed Serbians, and to bar, if possible, the advance of the central powers through the Balkans, according to reports from various quarters. Berlin has a report that Russia has embarked a large contingent of troops from Odessa and Sebastopol for the Bulgarian Black Sea coast, probably with the intention of landing them at Varna, recently bombarded by Russian warships. British troops from Saloniki are reported to have already effected a junction with the Serbians.

Meanwhile, the advance of the Austro-Germans from the north continues, further progress and the capture of 1,000 prisoners and several cannon being reported by Berlin. On the east the Bulgarians are reported to have captured Nish, after capturing Pliem, and to have held which barred their road from the Bulgarian border. Sofia declares the war on the Serbians is likely soon to assume the nature of siege operations, as the Serbians are on the point of being completely cut off.

Russian resistance in the Riga district evidently is holding firm, as

the Germans admit a retirement south across the Misa near Pankov, after they had advanced on the northern bank of that stream. Pankov is about eleven miles directly south of Riga.

Berlin reports nothing of moment has occurred on the western front since the previous statement. Paris declares the Germans were beaten off in violent counterattacks, made in an effort to regain positions near La Courbe, in the Champagne. The gain of a trench section at Holsen-Hache, in the Artois, also is claimed by the French.

Almost coincident with the report that the Russians are sending transports with troops through the Black Sea for the purpose of making a landing on the Bulgarian coast, comes the official statement that a naval engagement between Turkish and Russian warships has taken place in these waters. A message received in Berlin from Bucharest reports that the Turkish warships Midull and Sultan Selim, formerly German cruisers Breslau and Goeben, and Hamidieh attacked a Russian squadron of three battleships and several cruisers and destroyers in the Black Sea. No further details are given.

THREE NATIONS SEEKING U. S. INFLUENCE IN CHINA

They Want to Prevent Abandonment
of Republican Form
of Government.

WASHINGTON MAKES NO MOVE

Takes Position That This Nation
Cannot With Propriety Express
Opinion on Internal Workings of
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